

Remarks

Applicants present the amendments herein due to an error in prosecution. The Examiner apparently inadvertently canceled claims 44, and 46-51 in the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance of December 5, 2008.

Authorization to cancel these claims was not given by the Applicants. The new claims 52-58 are identical to the canceled claims, except that the claim numbers have been changed.

Separately, Applicants ask for clarification regarding the "Substitute Oath or Declaration" that must be submitted. No reason is given, so Applicants assume that the Declaration submitted on October 3, 2001, is sufficient.

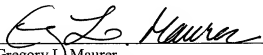
If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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